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REMARKS

Claims 16-39 are pending. Claim 29-39 have been withdrawn. Thus, claims 16-28 are presented for examination.

Applicants elect claims 16-28, drawn to a method for identifying an inhibitor of NACP/ α -synuclein aggregation, classified for example in class 435, subclass 68 without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the withdrawn claims in a continuation or divisional filing.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 220002065000. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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